

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please rewrite the title on page 2 as follows:

**--SYNTHESIS OF 4 $\alpha$ -ARYLEPICATECHINS EPECATECHIN-4 $\alpha$ , 8-EPICATECHIN AND CATECHIN DIMERS AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF--**

Please rewrite the paragraph added on page 2 after the title and before FIELD OF THE INVENTION so it reads as follows:

--This application is a divisional application of prior application Ser. No. 10/214,830 filed August 8, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,720,432 issued April 13, 2004, which is a divisional application of prior application Ser. No. 09/655,360 filed September 5, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,476,241 issued November 5, 2002.--

Please replace the title for Example 3 on page 15 with the following rewritten title:

--Example 3: Preparation of (2R, 3S)-3, 5, 7, 3', 4'-pentakisbenzyl flavan-4-one (2R, 3S)-3, 5, 7, 3', 4'-pentakis (benzyloxy) flavan-4-one--